

'GLAMOUR' NEARLY ALL WYCOMBE'S

Sports Mail Special Report

LOUGHBOROUGH College, the new glamour boys of the Amateur Cup, provided an object lesson in swift, accurate passing in their friendly match against Wycombe Wanderers, at Wycombe. Only sound defensive work kept them out in an entertaining first half in which Wycombe also showed much-improved form.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Beck, Atkins; Thomas, Fisher, D. Worley, L. Worley, Rockell, Cross, Bates, Tomlin.

Loughborough College: Wilson, Detchon, Henderson, Casey, Goodwin, Ralifis, Raybould, Donohoe, Bowron, Moore, Briggs.

Referee: Mr. R. Skinner (Cheshunt).

Right half Casey was soon prominent for the very fit powerful-looking Loughborough side. He ran through in the first few minutes to test Brown with a strong ground shot.

In spite of the wretched conditions after the heavy rain storm, play was of high standard with the speedy Loughborough men generally setting the pace.

Brown did well to save one accurate shot by Moore, who had run out to the right wing, but Wycombe retaliated with a swift raid in which Rockell, who was in fine form, tested Wilson with a powerful long-range shot.

FINE COVERING

Although Loughborough delighted the home crowd with their ball control and smart combination, the home defence matched their brilliance with

some deadly covering and tackling.

Brown had comparatively few difficult shots to deal with.

The nearest scoring attempt came from Len Worley who was only inches off the mark with a fine long-range shot.

The very cool and confident Loughborough defence gave little away and marksmanship was usually kept at long range, but one brilliant header by Bates was well saved by Wilson.

Half-time: Wycombe Wand 0, Loughborough College 0.

Wycombe appealed for a penalty when Cross was obstructed, but the referee awarded an indirect free kick, which was charged down on the goalline. Then Moore broke through on his own, but Brown just beat him in a race for the ball to clear in the nick of time.

It was all against the run of play when ten minutes before the end a Wycombe defensive lapse allowed BOWRON unmarked in front of goal, to walk the ball in.

RESULT

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0
LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE 1

A LATE GOAL PIPS WYCOMBE

Wycombe 0 Loughboro Coll 1

LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGES, new glamour boys of the Amateur Cup, had to rely on a somewhat lucky goal 10 minutes before the end of their victory over Wycombe in this friendly match at High Wycombe yesterday.

Loughborough impressed with their cool, controlled football but for the greater part of the game their forwards were kept in check by a smart Wycombe defence in which right-back Beck and right-half Thomas were outstanding. Only inside left Brian Moore, a bold and thrustful raider, ever looked like scoring.

But the Wycombe forwards were also well held. Centre forward Cross was blotted out by Loughborough centre-half Tom Goodwin and the most danger to Loughborough came from inside men Rockell and Bates.

Loughborough had the better of a goalless first half but Wycombe finished more strongly and almost monopolised play in the second half. But in the last 10 minutes a defensive lapse allowed Moore to slip in a pass to centre forward Len Bowron who walked the ball past Wycombe goalkeeper Brown for the winner.